

Baylis House
Bedford, N. Y.

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New York State

Historic American Buildings Survey
Wakefield Worcester, District Officer
25 West 44th Street, New York, N. Y.

THE BAYLIS HOUSE
Bedford, Westchester County, N. Y.

Owner:

Miss Adelaide Baylis

Date of Erection:

Unknown. Between 1779 and 1783.

Said to be the first house erected after the Village
was burnt by the British in 1779.

Architect:

Unknown

Builder:

Unknown

Present Condition:

Fair

Number of Stories:

Two stories, basement and attic

Materials of Construction:

Foundations - stone

Exterior walls - frame

Interior walls - stud and plaster

Floors - wood

Roof - shingle

Other Existing Records:

None

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Additional Data:Date:Record:Reference:

The following selected items from Bedford land titles affect this property. As will be seen, they are not complete and connected throughout.

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| 1640 | Ponus, an Indian sagamore, owned the region embracing a large part of Westchester County, including this locality in the Town of Bedford. He sold it to Capt. Nathaniel Turner who represented the colony of New Haven. | Shonnard & Spooner, "Hist. of Westchester County," p. 87 |
| 1655 | An Agreement was made reaffirming the 1640 bargain. | Ibid. |
| 1680 | December 23. A group of English settlers migrated from Stamford, Conn., and bought the "Hop Grounds" in the Town of Bedford, including this part of the Village of Bedford. | Bolton, "Hist. of Westchester County," I:3, 13, 38 |
| 1680
to
1759 | Between these years there are no records in regard to this property. | - |
| 1776
to
1779 | Before the Revolutionary War, a house might have stood on this farm. The location makes it probable that, if there, it was destroyed by fire by the British with the rest of the village on July 2, 1779. | Bolton, I:71 |
| 1779
to
1783 | The Baylis house is supposed to be the first one built in Bedford after the Revolution. It stands on the main highway just as you enter the Village. | |
| 1783 | November 1. The Sheriff, Jesse Hunt, sold this house and farm to David Dan. Deed recorded Oct. 20, 1792. | Liber L of Deeds, p. 75 |
| 1784 | July 10. Elijah Hunter and his wife Anna sold their interest in this house and farm to David Dan. Deed recorded Feb. 25, 1800. | Liber M of Deeds, p. 374 |
| 1793 | June 28. Lewis McDonald and wife sold their interest in the house and farm to David Dan. Deed recorded Feb. 25, 1800. | Liber M, p. 377 |
| 1794 | May 9. Aaron Forman and wife Anna sold their interest in this house and farm to David Dan. Deed recorded May 21, 1794. | Liber L, p. 286 |
| 1798 | May 21. David Dan and wife Hulda sold this house and farm to Hezekiah Dan. Deed recorded Jan. 28, 1851. | Liber 156, p. 378 |

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Record:</u>	<u>Reference:</u>
1800	January 25. David Dan and wife Hulda sold this house and farm to Benjamin and William Isaacs. Deed recorded on Feb. 25, 1800.	Liber M, p. 379
1801	Between these yeare there are no records respect-	-
to	ing this property.	
1834		
1834	An Agreement between Benjamin I. Knapp (an Executor of the Estate of Benjamin Isaacs, who had been County Judge and Town Clerk) and Samuel Lynes, relating to the payment of Isaacs' debts, statee the various accounts due to various persons. It was drawn up some time between 1834 and the date of Isaacs' death. Isaacs' will dated Dec. 8, 1832, was probated Jan. 7, 1835. The Agreement was recorded Feb. 19, 1849, in the Register's Office, White Plains.	Liber 133, p. 274
1835	March 25. Benjamin Isaacs of Norwalk, Conn., and Benjamin Isaacs Knapp, Executors of the Last Will and Testament of Benjamin Isaacs, sold this property to Joseph Ambler. Deed record Oct. 1, 1936.	Liber 68, p. 484
1837	June 15. Benjamin Isaacs of Norwalk, Conn., and Benjamin I. Knapp of New York City, Executors of the Last Will and Testament of Benjamin Isaacs, sold this house and farm to Joseph Ambler. Deed recorded Sept. 29, 1838.	Liber 81, p. 361
1843	November 6. John Haight and his wife Sarah; also Aaron F. Read and his wife Phebe, and Frederick Read and his wife Sarah sold this house and farm to Phineas Lounsbury. Deed recorded May 2, 1845.	Liber 110, p. 35
1854	Between these years the property wae rented. The Low Sisters were tenants for several years, and	Date from Edward P. Jackson, of Bedford,
1875	conducted a tea-room there known as the "Green Inn."	
1898	Edward P. Jackson rented and lived in the house	Ibid.
to	from May, 1898, to Oct., 1899.	
1899		
1902	Executors and Executrix of the Estate of James Lounsbury sold this house and farm to William Baylis. Deed recorded March 4, 1903.	Liber 1639, p. 323
1904	The new owner made alterations in the house. He took off the veranda, and added the wing and upper part of the present entrance.	Data from Jackson
1919	April 22. Adelaide E. Baylis, widow of William Baylis, sold this house and farm to their children,	Liber 2196, p. 118

Date:Record:Reference:

1919 William Baylis and Adelaide B. Baylis. Deed
(cont'd) recorded May 15, 1919.

1936 Miss Adelaide Baylis, daughter of William Baylis, is the present owner of this Colonial house. The farm covers 13.50 acres. Adelaide's brother William is writing a history of the place. It is mentioned in certain old maps as the "Dower House." Data from Jackson

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